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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Aug-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/07/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/31/04
BRO-FRY	164,904	166,810
LT HENS	1,460	1,465
HVY HENS	1,577	1,484

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 31-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	273	0	273
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	336	0	336
SAME WEEK YR AGO	196	0	196
TO-DATE/2004	7,272	91	7,363
TO-DATE/2003	7,795	104	7,899

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,668	1,450	3,118
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,774	1,484	3,258
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,329	1,499	2,828
TO-DATE/2004	47,777	39,440	87,217
TO-DATE/2003	55,035	41,583	96,618

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 31-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	161,732	1,395	1,450	2,845
AVG WT	5.26	3.19	8.19	5.74
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	161,269	1,438	1,484	2,922
SAME WK YR AGO	159,246	1,133	1,499	2,632
AVG WT	5.14	3.40	8.20	6.13
TO-DATE/2004	4,662,385	40,505	39,349	79,854
TO-DATE/2003	4,599,567	47,240	41,479	88,719

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.7 million head or 2.7 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-Jul-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	26,711	24,198	43,649
Avg Weight	3.63	4.80	6.27
% of total /1	28%	26%	46%
Last week	26,875	25,643	43,881
Avg Weight	3.67	4.73	6.27
% of total /1	28%	27%	46%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,641	25,332	45,084
Avg Weight	3.80	4.81	6.10
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
To date/2004	770,265	632,294	1,298,509
To date/2003	713,600	676,537	1,329,043

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 31-Jul-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,901	2,672	83	4	4,660
AVG WT	15.82	35.90	23.88	33.53	27.49
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,910	2,713	72	1	4,696
SAME WK YR AGO	2,127	2,752	70	9	4,958
AVG WT	15.81	35.10	24.51	35.23	26.67
TO-DATE/2004	51,822	75,765	1,440	200	129,227
TO-DATE/2003	55,806	81,929	1,874	440	140,049

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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